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Dear Mr. Kaneko:

We enjoyed meeting with you, Mr. Fujitani, and Mr. Tarumi regarding our revised funding arrangement on June 21, 1996, and we are very pleased with the outcome of the session.

As we discussed during the meeting, there are several details of our revised funding arrangement more appropriately addressed by memorandum than in our Record of Discussion. I have attempted to capture those items below and ask that you confirm that they reflect the intent of our arrangement.

- 1) The one U.S. full-time director will occupy the position of Vice-Chairman and Chief of Research. There will be a transition time between the outgoing and incoming full-time directors to ensure that each new full-time director is fully oriented to the job. The incoming full-time director will not assume responsibility of the position until the outgoing full-time director has formally left the position.
- 2) The fee paid by the Department of Energy to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) will come under the portion of the Radiation Effects Research Foundation (RERF) budget that is equally shared by the United States and Japan, as long as the work performed by the NAS is for RERF research and operation.
- 3) The United States' payment to the RERF will be made during the second half of the Japanese fiscal year.

We heard on Friday, June 28, 1996, from Mr. Tarumi that you have been promoted to Director of the International Affairs Division. Congratulations! We appreciate all your hard work to make this new arrangement a success. We will very much miss working with you, but we look forward to working with your successor, Mr. Kimura, in the same spirit of cooperation.

Please feel free to contact me any time. Ganbatte!

Sincerely,

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